

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SUPERFUND SITE STRATEGY RECOMMENDATION - REGION 06



Site Name: Mount Taylor Mine - NM0066		CERCLIS ID#: N/A
Alias Site Name: Gulf, Chevron		
Address: Latitude 35 degrees 20'26.34" Longitude	e 107 degrees 38'02.60"	
City/County or Parish/State/Zip: Cibola County, New Mexico		
Report Type: Pre-CERCLIS Screening	Date: 05/08/12	Author: NMED
RECOMMENDATION:		·
1. No Further Remedial Action Planned Under Superfund (NFRAP)	☐ 2. Further Investi☐ PA☐ SI☐ ESI☐ Other:	gation Needed Under Superfund HRS Priority: High RI/FS Low RA
☐ 3. Action Deferred to: ☐ RCRA ☐ NRC ☐ BLM ☐ 4. Site Being Addressed Under the State Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP): ☐ Yes ☐ No		
NOTIFY AUTHORITY:		
Removal RCRA TSCA Remedial State/Tribe NPDE CERCLA Federal UIC Enforcement Facility	<u>=</u>	SMCRA Resource Trustee: Other:
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DISCUSSION:		
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) used operational history to develop a pre-CERCLIS screen for the Mount Taylor Mine site. The Mount Taylor Mine was an underground mine and operated from 1979 to 1990, as a wet mine. During mine operations approximately 4,200 gallons per minute of mine water was pumped and discharged to an arroyo in San Lucas Canyon. The surface facilities cover 147 acres with numerous buildings, a main shaft and hoist, one waste rock pile, one ore stockpile and eight mine water treatment lagoons located within that acreage. The mine operation is currently in "standby status" under the New Mexico Mining Act Rules. Mine reclamation is being required pursuant to the New Mexico Mining Act, and investigation into the impacts from the discharge of mine water and solution mining is being required pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission regulations. NMED recommended that no further action be taken under CERCLA at the Mount Taylor Mine site due to on-going remedial activities pursuant to New Mexico regulations. EPA concurs with this recommendation.		
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APPROVALS:

Report Reviewed by: Lisa Marie Price (Site Assessment Manager)

Disposition Approved by: John Meyer (Section Chief 6SF-TR)

Signature: Date: 5/29/12